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Letter dated 10 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the issue of the pending visas concerning the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), which has been raised frequently by some members of the Security Council and officials from the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, I have the honour to provide information based on a statistical report issued by the UNAMID Liaison Office in Khartoum on the status of all visa applications made during the period from 1 January 2011 to 30 April 2013.*

The report states clearly that the total number of visas requested by UNAMID were 9,478 and the total of approved visas was 8,603. Accordingly, the percentage of visas approved during the above-mentioned period is 90.77 per cent while the total percentage of the pending visas is only 9.23 per cent.

The UNAMID Liaison Office report confirms the genuine commitment of the Government of the Sudan to fully cooperate with UNAMID and enable it to discharge its mandate.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
Permanent Representative

* The report is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation.

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